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In re Patent Application of:
Tetsuya OKANO

Group Art Unit: 2153

Serial No: 09/455,932

Examiner: Mareisha N. Winters

Filed: December 7, 1999

For: RELAYING APPARATUS FOR USE IN A NETWORK SYSTEM

AMENDMENT

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Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed September 24, 2002, having a shortened period for response set to expire on December 24, 2002.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Pursuant to the enclosed separate Letter to the Examiner Requesting Approval of Drawing Changes, amendment to FIG. 9 to insert the legend ---Prior Art--- is respectfully requested.

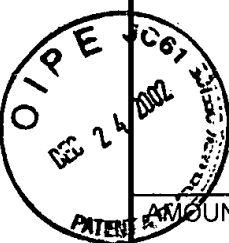
IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please REPLACE the paragraph on lines 18-20 on page 19 with the following paragraph:

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--- Fig. 7 shows the general configuration of a relaying apparatus for use in a network system according to a fourth embodiment of the present invention;---

Please REPLACE the paragraph on lines 21-23 on page 19 with the following paragraph:

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---Fig. 8 shows the configuration and the operations of the relaying apparatus for use in a network system according to the fourth embodiment; and---



**REPLY/AMENDMENT
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